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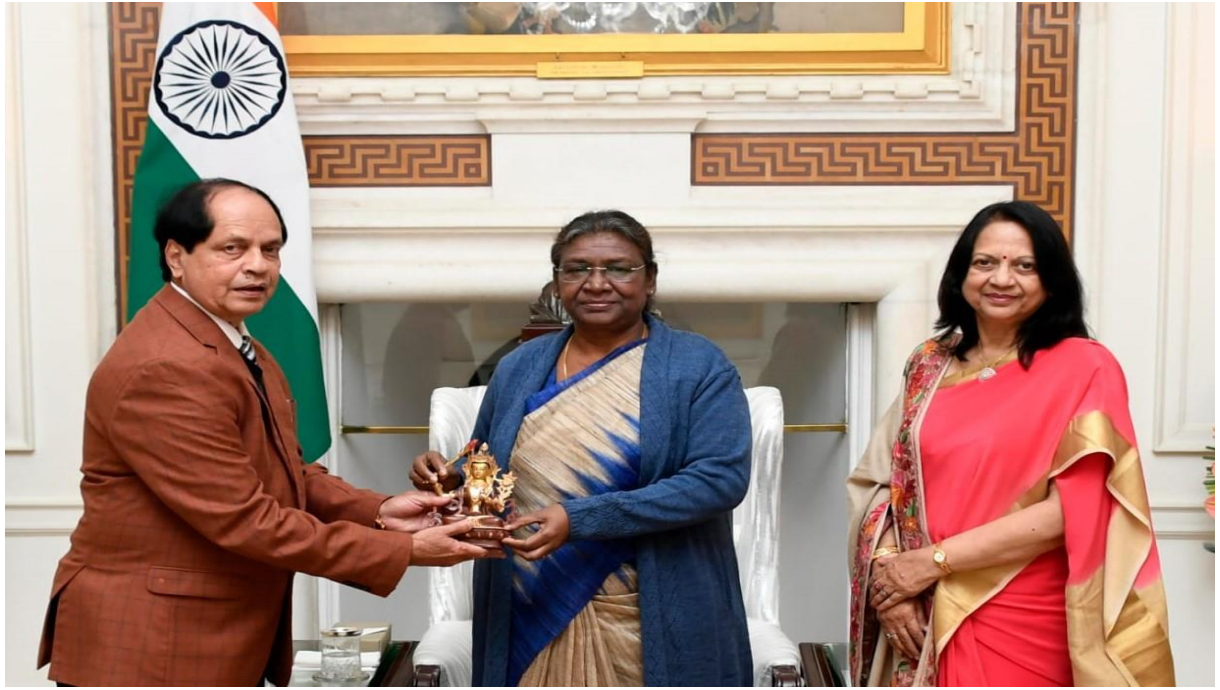
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Her Excellency the President of India & the Visitor of Sikkim University, Smt. Draupadi Murmu with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Avinash Khare and Madam Khare at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on 01.02.2023



Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim & Rector Shri Ganga Prasad Chaurasia, with the Chancellor Lt. Col.(Rtd) Dattatray B. Shekhatkar, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Shri Kunga Nima Lepcha, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Avinash Khare and Shri K.V.S Kameswara Rao, Registrar with the members of Academic Procession and Medalists on the 6th Convocation held on 18th & 20th of November, 2022 at Mannan Kendra, Gangtok clad in Convocation attire.

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1. From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

Sikkim University is a central university established in 2007 by an Act of Parliament and is fully funded by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi. At present the University has 33 academic departments organized under 6 Schools of Studies and two research centers,



viz., Maulana Azad Centre for Northeast Studies funded by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata and Centre for Bio-Informatics funded by Department of Bio-Technology, Government of India. University has been accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore in 2015 and accorded grade 'B' with CGPA 2.60 and the process for second cycle of accreditation is in process. Sikkim University has been ranked within 150 to 200 band in NIRF ranking in 2022. University has received DST-FIST Grant from the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. The Department of Geology has been awarded Centre of Excellence by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Sikkim University has implemented National Educational Policy (NEP) 2020 from the current academic session and all UG & PG syllabi have been prepared in pursuance of the NEP guidelines. I am happy to inform that Sikkim University has joined Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for conducting entrance test for admission to various UG & PG programmes offered by the University and also made it compulsory for all its affiliated colleges to join CUET for admission from 2023 session.

The construction of the University campus is taking place in war footing. The classes of three departments of the School of Languages and Literature have been started at the University Campus at Yangang. Some other departments are expected to be shifted soon.

I am proud to inform you that maiden attempt of the University to grow Saffron at the University Campus has been successful and has initiated the process for a large-scale production of Saffron in Sikkim with the assistance and support of the Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Sikkim and farmers of the State.

There are 156 regular faculty members, 7 faculty on contract, 52 guest faculty members and

13 adjunct faculty. Our Central Library has more than 50,000 books, 9878 e-books, 7390 e-journals and 26 printed journals and can be accessed online. Annually, our teachers and students publish more than 1370 research papers/books chapters and books. At present University has more than 52 extra-mural research projects with total grants of 15 crores funded by various national and international agencies.

University has a Central Admission Committee to decide on policy issues and monitor the admission process so that the Government of India rules are not overlooked and no injustice is done to any candidate. Sikkim University is a national university and any Indian citizen from any part of the country can apply online for our academic programme.

For further information, kindly log on to our website <http://www.cus.ac.in>

Professor Avinash Khare
Vice-Chancellor



Construction of University Campus at Yangang, South Sikkim under progress.

2. About Sikkim University

Sikkim University is at present located in and around Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim, which borders on Bhutan, China and Nepal on its east, north and west respectively. Sikkim is considered as one of the world's richest bio-diversity hot spots and one of the twenty top tourist destinations.

The nearest airport is at Pakyong, East Sikkim which is about 31 kilometers from Gangtok. Another airport is located at Bagdogra, off Siliguri city of West Bengal. The distance between Bagdogra and Gangtok is about 124 km. Taxis to Gangtok at both airports are available on hire. A helicopter service is operated regularly between Bagdogra and Gangtok by the Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation. The nearest railway station is New Jalpaiguri Station (NJP), which is about 125 kms from Gangtok. All trains to and from Northeast India stop at this major junction. Gangtok is well-connected by road with Siliguri, Darjeeling and Kalimpong by the National Highway No.10. There are regular services of Sikkim Nationalized Transport buses between Gangtok and Siliguri. Private buses and light vehicles are also available on hire from Siliguri, New Jalpaiguri and Bagdogra for coming to Sikkim.

Sikkim University is building a world-class campus on a plot of land measuring 300 acres at Yangang in the South District of Sikkim and located 56 kilometers from Gangtok. The former President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, in his capacity as the Visitor of the university, laid the foundation stone of the campus on April 16, 2013 in the august presence of the Governor and the Chief Minister of Sikkim.

The site of the campus is connected with Singtam town by a State Highway. On the northern fringe of the University campus is a model tourist village with traditional houses, ultra-modern conferencing facilities, children's park, etc. On its western front lies the upcoming skywalk project at a height of about 10,000 feet atop 'Bhalehunga' Cliff and overlooking the upcoming University campus. One can reach 'Bhalehunga' by a cable car or by trekking.

A leading architectural firm from Chennai was engaged to design the buildings and prepare the master plan of the campus. The campus will be mostly residential with

administrative-cum-academic complex, residential complex, school, students' hostels, sport complex, and market complex with restaurants, departmental stores and other utility stores. The buildings will be centrally heated with solar power and /or organic gas and will be disabled-friendly and having GRIHA-3 compliance. The buildings in administrative-cum-academic complex will be connected with wide footpaths with overhead roofs. The campus will also have an animal house, a horticultural garden, a botanical garden and so on. Water harvesting and sewage treatment plants are integrated into the campus plan. We are happy to inform that the construction work of the first package of the first phase of the University Project has been completed and the second package of the first phase has been begun with the 'Bhumi Puja' ceremony held on 3rd March, 2022 at Yangang. Three Departments of the School of Languages and Literature have been shifted to the Campus and other Departments will be shifted on phased manner.

University has been focusing on teaching and research activities in a big way. Revision of the undergraduate and postgraduate syllabi is underway in view of the implementation of NEP-2020 from the academic session 2022-23. University facilitates its young faculty members to go for Refresher and Orientation programme in other universities and encourage them for participation in seminars/conferences in India and abroad. University also invites a large number of specialists from various parts of India to teach and train the students in special areas of knowledge besides sending the students for study tours, fieldworks and internships to various parts of the country.

3. Authorities of Sikkim University

The Sikkim University Act, 2006 (10 of 2007) provides for certain Statutory Authorities which are empowered to govern various functions of the University. Important Authorities of the University are the Court, Executive Council, Academic Council, Finance Committee, College Development Council etc.

4. Objectives, Vision, Mission, Motto & Flag

Objectives: The objectives of Sikkim University, as mandated by its Act and Statutes, are

- To disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in such branches of learning as it may deem fit,

- To make provisions for integrated courses in humanities, natural and physical sciences, social sciences, forestry and other allied disciplines in the educational programme of the University,
- To take appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching-learning process, inter- disciplinary studies and research,
- To educate and train manpower for the development of the State of Sikkim, and
- To pay special attention to the improvement of the social and economic conditions and welfare of the people of that State, their intellectual, academic and cultural development.

Vision : To achieve intellectual, academic and cultural development of the people of Eastern Himalayas

Mission : To provide quality higher education.

Motto : Quest Knowledge Wisdom

Flag : The background of the University Flag is golden with the University Logo at the center of the flag. Motto is written on the logo. The size of the flag is 3'x2'. The golden colour signifies success, achievement and triumph and is associated with abundance and prosperity, luxury and quality, prestige and sophistication, value and elegance.

5. Recognitions

- Sikkim University has been granted full membership of the Himalayan Universities Consortium funded by ICIMOD, Kathmandu.
- HP has granted Sikkim University a “green certificate” for contributing used cartridges for scientific recycling to save our earth.
- Sikkim University has been granted full membership of the Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI), a non-profitable society of Mountain States including Darjeeling.
- Sikkim University has been selected for research activities under National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS).
- Department of Geology has been recognized as Centre of Excellence by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Innovations and Best Practices

- **Micro-teaching:** University has started micro-teaching method to improve the quality of teaching in the University.
- **University Research Fund Award:** University has created a research fund for interdisciplinary and socially relevant research projects for the young faculty members of the University.
- **Incentive for Quality Publications:** University has created a best publication award in which quality publications by faculty members in national / international journals with high impact factor are given a cash prize and a certificate on the Foundation Day of the University.
- **Mentoring:** The mentoring of the last semester students by faculty members.
- **Students'Feedback:** Students' feedback is an important step taken by Sikkim University to improve the quality of teaching and learning environment. Students are encouraged to give their feedback online.

6. Important Contact Details

Dean Students' Welfare - Prof. Sanjay Dahal, Mob: +91 9593378884, E-mail:deansw@cus.ac.in

Provost, Mr. Balaram Pandey, : +91 9434444737, E.mail: provost@cus.ac.in

Wardens of Hostels:

Sl. No.	Names of Hostel	Names of Warden	Phone number	Location of Hostel
1	Raapjyor-Cauvery Girls' Hostel	Dr. Rachana Rai	9002509897	5 th Mile, Gangtok
2	Rangeet Girls' Hostel	Dr. K. Renuka Devi	9083035394	6 th Mile, Gangtok
3	Talung Girls' Hostel	Dr. Jasmine Yimchunger	8348586511	5 th Mile, Gangtok
4	Pandim Girls' Hostel	Dr. Rachana Rai	9002509897	5 th Mile, Gangtok
5	Rangeet Boys' Hostel	Dr. E Ishwarjit Singh	7407829223	Near Entel, Gangtok 6 th Mile,
6	Teesta Boys' Hostel	Dr. Dinesh Shahu	7864878427	Near Palzor Stadium, Gangtok
7	Tendong Boys' Hostel	Dr. Sudeep Ghatani	9862240590	Lumsey, 5 th Mile, Gangtok
8	Dzongri Boys' Hostel	Dr. S. Jeevanandam	9435433898	Lumsey, 5 th Mile, Gangtok.

9	New Boys' Hostel	Dr. Anil Kumar Verma	7678471506	7 th Mile, Tadong
10	New Girls Hostel	Dr. Veenu Pant	7014162168	6 th Mile, Tadong

➤ **Help Desk for Admission Queries**

General Queries: Mobile: 9749346032. E-mail: ksubba@cus.ac.in

Joint Registrar (Academic): Land line: 03592-251130. E-mail: skgurung@cus.ac.in



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Avinash Khare addressing the audience on the occasion of interactive session of the SU students with the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on 27.02.2023 at Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok. Chief Secretary and Additional Chief Secretary of the GoS are also present on the dias.

7. Schools of Studies

Academic activities of Sikkim University are organized under six Schools of Studies. Each School having a number of departments under it and is headed by a Dean, who also chairs the School Board meetings. At the apex level, there is Deans' Committee with the Vice-Chancellor as the Chairperson.

SCHOOL OF HUMAN SCIENCES

Dean: Prof. Sohel Firdos

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Sl. No.	Department	Programmes Available
1	Anthropology	MA, Ph.D
2	Geography	MA/MSc, Ph.D
3	Psychology	BA/BSc, MA/MSc, Ph.D

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

Dean: Prof. Rosy Chamling

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Phone: +91 3592-252342

Sl. No	Department	Programmes Available
1	Bhutia	MA, Ph.D
2	Chinese	Certificate, BA, MA, Ph.D
3	English	MA, Ph.D
4	Hindi	BA, MA, Ph.D
5	Lepcha	MA, Ph.D
6	Limbu	MA, Ph.D
7	Nepali	MA, Ph.D

SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

Dean: Prof. Laxuman Sharma

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Sl. No.	Department	Programmes Available	Centre
1	Botany	MSc, Ph.D	Centre for Bio- Informatics
2	Horticulture	MSc, Ph.D	
3	Microbiology	MSc, Ph.D	
4	Zoology	MSc, Ph.D	

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

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Sl. No	Departments	Programmes Available
1	Chemistry	MSc, Ph.D
2	Computer Applications	B.Voc (IT), MCA, Ph.D
3	Geology	BSc, MSc, Ph.D, and MSc (Environmental Science)
4	Mathematics	MSc, Ph.D
5	Physics	MSc, Ph.D

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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Sl. No.	Departments	Programmes Available
1	Commerce	M.Com, Ph.D
2	Education	MA, M.Ed, Ph.D
3	Management	MBA, Ph.D
4	Mass Communication	MA, Ph.D
5	Music	BPA, MPA, Ph.D
6	Tourism	MTTM, Ph.D
7	Library & Information Science	M.Lib.I.Sc

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dean: Prof. Manesh Choubey

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Sl. No.	Departments	Programmes offered	Centre
1	Economics	MA, Ph.D	Maulana Azad Centre for North East Studies (MACNES)
2	History	MA, Ph.D	
3	International Relations	MA, Ph.D	
4	Law	LLM, Ph.D	
5	Peace & Conflict Studies & Management	MA, Ph.D	
6	Political Science	MA, Ph.D	
7	Sociology	MA, Ph.D	

8. Admission Calendar

Admission to Ph.D programme of the University for the academic session 2023-24 shall be as per the following schedule.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date
1	Publication of Admission Notice by the Registrar in National & Regional Newspapers	25th April, 2023
2	Uploading the prospectus and admission form on university website	27th April, 2023
3	Starting of online application for admission	28th April – 27th May, 2023
4	Data arrangement by DSW office	29th May – 1st June, 2023
5	Scrutiny of applications submitted online & verification of uploaded documents	5th June – 7th June, 2023

6	Uploading of list of eligible Ph.d candidates	9th June, 2023
7	Date of written test (offline)	15th - 16th June, 2023
	Date of interview (offline)	18th -19th June, 2023
8	Declaration of 1st list of selected candidates & uploading of names on website	23rd June, 2023
9	Fee payment by selected candidates (1 st list) including Hostel Admission fee (online mode)	24th – 27th June, 2023
10	Declaration of 2nd list of selected candidates against vacant seats from merit list & uploading on website	28th June, 2023
11	Fee payment by selected candidates (2 nd list) including Hostel Admission fee (online mode)	29th – 30th June, 2023
12	Notification on website for filling of vacant seats for SC/ST, if any, and completion of admission process	3rd to 14th July, 2023
13	Commencement of Odd Semester & closure of admission.	7th August, 2023

(Note: Change of dates, if any, shall be notified later)

9. Admission Notice

Admission notice containing names of programmes offered, last date for submission of online application, date of Entrance Test etc. will be uploaded on the University website and circulated through print media. All communications to the candidates including list of candidates shortlisted for entrance test and interview will be uploaded on the University website <https://www.cus.ac.in> and displayed in departmental notice boards. No personal communication to candidates will be made by post or telephone or e-mail or otherwise. No interim query regarding status of application shall be entertained.

10. Admission Procedure for Ph.D programme

- 10.1 A candidate with 2 yrs master's degree in relevant / allied subjects or M.Phil degree with at least 55% marks / equivalent grade for General and 50% marks / equivalent grade for SC, ST and OBC (Central List)/DA/EWS or equivalent examination from a foreign educational institute accredited by approved agency in its home country are eligible to apply for Ph.D programme. Please refer **APPENDIX 'A'**. for eligibility criteria.
- 10.2 Candidates who have appeared or appearing in the qualifying examination may also apply and appear in the written examination, and if qualified, may also appear in the interview. However, the provisional admission of such applicants shall be confirmed

- only after obtaining the marks cards of the qualifying examination with required percentage of marks / equivalent grade.
- 10.3 Duration of Ph.D programme is as per the UGC Regulations, 2022 / University Ordinance OC-7.
 - 10.4 The cost of online application and entrance test is **Rs. 1000/-** for General, **Rs. 750** for OBC and EWSs candidates and **Rs. 500/-** for SC/ST/PWD/DA candidates to be paid through online payment gateway by Debit Card/Credit Card or any other forms of digital transaction.
 - 10.5 All the applications received online within the prescribed date shall be scrutinized by a duly constituted Working Committee for Admission, 2023 (WCA). The list of candidates shortlisted based on the qualifying examinations or on the basis of the marks / CGPA obtained in the last examination passed of the qualifying examination shall be uploaded on University website for written test and shall be also displayed on departmental notice boards. No individual communication shall be made in this regard.
 - 10.6 A Candidate may apply for admission in maximum three Ph.D subjects / department provided that s/he fulfills minimum eligibility conditions for admission. Such candidates may apply separately for each programme and pay application fee separately. The application fee once paid will not be refunded.
 - 10.7 Written examination and interview are compulsory for admission to Ph.D programme. Candidates who have qualified in UGC- NET / UGC-CSIR-NET/ GATE / CEED and any other similar National Level Tests are exempted from the written examination and will be provided the highest marks obtained by a candidate in the written examinations for the purpose of preparation of a merit list of eligible candidates for interview. It may be noted that Interview is compulsory for all applicants for Ph.D programme.
 - 10.8 The entrance examination for Ph.D shall be conducted out of a total of 100 marks, of which 70 marks shall be allotted for written examination and 30 marks for the interview. The final merit list shall be prepared by taking the marks obtained in both written and interview.
 - 10.9 Candidates who have secured 50% in the entrance test (45% for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy)/ DA/EWS or any other category as may be notified by the Government of India from time to time) are eligible to be called for the interview.
 - 10.10 The concerned department may decide the number of eligible candidates to be called for the interview based on the merit list and number of Ph.D seats available.

SCHEDULES FOR WRITTEN TEST AND INTERVIEW FOR Ph.D

Progra -mme	Group / schedule	Departments / Subjects	Date of Written test	Date of Interview / Viva- voce
Ph.D	Group 'A' (10:00 am – 12:00 am)	Anthropology, Botany, Chemistry, Commerce, Economics, Computer Applications, Education, PCS&M,	15th June, 2023	18-19 June, 2023
	Group 'B' 1:00 pm -3:00 pm	English, Geography, Geology, Horticulture, IR, Law, Management, Sociology, Mass Communication		
	Group 'C' 10:00 am – 12:00 am	Mathematics., History, Microbiology, Music, Nepali, Physics, Psychology, Zoology, Tourism,	16th June, 2023	

- 10.11 The written examination shall be of two-hour duration from 10:00 am onwards in respective Departments as per the schedule given in the table. Timings of written test for Ph.D have been, as far as possible, scheduled keeping in mind the multiple applicants.
- 10.12 The syllabus of the written examination consists of 50 % research methodology and 50 % subject specific.
- 10.13 A consolidated list of qualified candidates in written examination and exempted candidates shall be prepared for the interview. Interview shall focus upon research interest of the candidate and contribution to additional / new knowledge. The interview of the prospective Ph.D candidates who have qualified in written examination shall be decided by the Department as per the dates provided in the table.
- 10.14 The list of selected Ph.D candidates after interview in terms of roster shall be uploaded on university website <https://www.cus.ac.in>. Candidates provisionally shortlisted for admission may take admission within the date notified for the programme by paying requisite fee (**See Appendix – B**) through online payment gateway by Debit Card / Credit Card or any other forms of digital transactions.
- 10.15 The appeared candidates who are provisionally selected for Ph.D programme must submit the final results of the qualifying examination with requisite qualifying marks before the commencement of the classes for confirmation of the admission to the Chairman , Working Committee for Admission 2023 failing which the admission of the candidate shall be cancelled and the seat shall be awarded to the next person on the panel as per merit.
- 10.16 If the selected candidates for Ph.D programme fail to take admission within the

prescribed date, the seat shall be considered as vacant seat and will be awarded to the next candidate on the panel as per merit.

- 10.17 10 % seats shall be reserved for foreign candidates on supernumerary basis in Ph.D programme provided that the degree of qualifying examination is declared equivalent to the qualifications prescribed by the Equivalence Commission of AIU, submission of student's visa, and fitness certificate from the Medical Officer. Applicants belonging to countries like Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Myanmar and Pakistan may be allowed provided it is specifically recommended by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations, Government of India under exchange programme. However, candidates from Nepal and Bhutan may be admitted under normal provision of admission or through ICCR. Candidates admitted under this provision are not eligible for UGC Non-Net Fellowship.
- 10.18 One supernumerary seat in Ph.D in each department shall be provided annually to regular faculty members and staff of Sikkim University and regular faculty members of affiliated colleges, and such other institutions in Sikkim as approved by the University authority. Interested candidates may submit application in plain paper to the office of the Joint Registrar (Academic) along with the draft of Rs. 1000/- for General, Rs. 750 for OBC & EWS and Rs. 500 for SC/ST/DA in favour of the Registrar, Sikkim University payable at Gangtok.
- 10.19 Candidates admitted under this provision mentioned at sl. no. 10.18 above must produce leave sanction order for the full period of coursework for non-lab based subject and two years for laboratory-based subject except where the candidates are working in their own laboratories duly recognized by the University. Exception to this rule may be made for the University teaching and non-teaching employees only.
- 10.20 Supernumerary seats under serial no. 10.18 above shall be allotted under a Professor or an Associate Professor within the overall UGC guiding limitations for Associate Professor and Professor i.e. 8 scholars for a Professor and 6 scholars for an Associate Professor at any given time.
- 10.21 However, in case of international students in Ph.D programme, each supervisor can guide up to two international scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D scholars mentioned at sl.no.10.20 above
- 10.22 The rules of Government of India regarding reservation of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/PWD/EWS or any other category as may be notified by the Government of India from time to time shall be adhered to strictly.

10.23 Documents necessary for verification at the time of admission are as follows;

- i) Original Mark-sheet (s) [all semester/all years] of the qualifying degree together with one self-attested photocopies (both sides) of each.
- ii) Original certificate of proof of age and a self-attested copy of the same.
- iii) Original SC/ST/OBC/DA certificates together with one self-attested copy.
- iv) Original UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR-NET/GATE/ or any other national level tests.
- v) Original Annual Income Certificate of the family or Certificate for EWS candidates from the competent authority.

*(Note: All original documents will be returned to the candidates immediately after verification. Students from other Universities/Institutes/colleges not affiliated to Sikkim University shall produce migration certificates in original by **October 30, 2023** failing which their admission shall stand cancelled and the fee paid shall be refunded as per the UGC notification.*



Lt. Governor of J&K Shri Manoj Sinha, Governor of Sikkim Shri Ganga Prasad Chaurasia, Prof. Avinash Khare, Vice-Chancellor, Hon'ble Minister Shri Lok Nath Sharma, Govt. of Sikkim, Prof. S.S. Sharma and other dignitaries during the signing of an agreement between Sikkim University and Government of J&K regarding cultivation of Saffron in Sikkim.

11. Programme Details, Intake and Eligibility Criteria for Ph.D

.APPENDIX – A

Department	Programme	Total Intake	Minimum Eligibility/ Area of Specialization	Remarks
Anthropology	Ph.D.	5 seats UR-3 OBC- 1 ST-1	MA/M.Sc in Anthropology/ equivalent examination from a foreign education institute accredited by an approved agency at home country with 55% marks/equivalent grade. (50% for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad area of specialization: Physical Anthropology, Social-Cultural Anthropology,	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department
Bhutia	Ph.D	On hold	On hold	On hold
Botany	Ph.D.	1 seat OBC-1	M.Sc / M.Phil in Botany / allied subjects / equivalent examination from a foreign institute accredited by an approved agency at home country with 55% marks/equivalent grade. (50% for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad Area of specialization: Ecology.	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department
Chemistry	Ph.D	16 seats UR-6 OBC-4 SC-3 ST-1 EWS-2	M.Sc/MPhil in Chemistry/Equivalent examination from a foreign educational institute accredited by an approved agency at home country with 55% marks/equivalent grade. (50% for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad Area of specialization: Physical, Porphyrin Chemistry, Supramolecular Chemistry, Material, Catalysis, Organic, Inorganic, Schiff's Base	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department
Chinese	Ph.D	No vacancy	No vacancy	No vacancy
Commerce	Ph.D	4 seats UR-1 OBC-1 SC-1 EWS-1	M.Com / equivalent examination from a foreign institute accredited by an approved agency at home country with 55% marks/equivalent grade. (50% for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS or Chartered Accountant / Cost Management Accountant / Company Secretariat Broad Area of specialization: Corporate Governance, Banking, Behavioural Finance, E-Commerce, CSR, Finance, Human Resources Management.	Written entrance test followed by interview conducted by the Department concerned
Computer Applications	Ph.D	5 seats UR-3 OBC-2	M.Tech/ME in Computer Science / IT Electronics or allied subjects/M.Sc in Computer Science / IT / MCA or equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency at home country with 55% marks in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad Area of specialization: Digital Image Processing, Remote Sensing, GIS, Computational Biology ,Data Mining, Machine Learning, Swarm Intelligence, Human Inspired Optimization Technique.	Written entrance test followed by interview conducted by the Department concerned

Economics	Ph.D.	7seats UR-2 OBC-2 SC-1 ST-1 EWS-1	MA in Economics / Allied subjects / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency at home country with 55% marks/ equivalent grade. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/ EWS). Broad Area of specialization: Agricultural Economics, Development Economics, International Trade, Social & Political Economy, Institutional economics, Industry & Labour, Informality, Resource & Environmental Economics, Mountain Development, Household Economics, Inequality & Poverty, Efficiency & Productivity analysis, Economics of Education.	Written entrance test followed by interview conducted by the Department concerned
Education	Ph.D	4 seats UR-1 OBC-1 SC-1 EWS-1	MA in Education / M.Ed / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency at home country with 55% marks (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/ EWS) Broad area of specialization: Any specialization in Education.	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned
English	Ph.D.	4 seats UR-1 OBC-1 SC-1 St-1	MA in English / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency at home country with 55% marks in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/ EWS) Broad Area of specialization: Gender, Cultural, Literature & Environment, Translation, Travel Writing, Book History, Medieval & Early Modern English Literature, Drama.	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned.
Geography	Ph.D.	5 seats UR-4 OBC-1	MA/M.Sc in Geography / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad Area of specialization: Urban Development, Social, Migration, Livelihood, Geography of Borderland, Himalayan Ecology, Fluvial Geomorphology, Rural Development, Geography of Tourism, Remote Sensing & GIS.	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned
Geology	Ph.D	2 seats OBC-1 SC-1	M.Sc / MSc. (Tech.)/M.Tech in relevant subject in Geosciences / Environmental Sciences or PG Degree in relevant subject with specialization in Glaciology (with proven work via publication) in Geography / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad area of specialization: Hydrology, Sedimentology	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned
Hindi	Ph.D	No vacancy	No vacancy	No vacancy

History	Ph.D.	2 seats UR-1 EWS-1	Master Degree in any discipline / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency at home country with 55% marks in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad area of specialization: Ancient Indian History, Early Buddhism, Environmental History, Himalayan History, Gender History, Sacred Geography.	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned
Horticulture	Ph.D.	3 seats UR-2 OBC-1	M.Sc in Horticulture, M.Sc in Agriculture (Horticulture) with specialization in Fruit Science/Vegetable Science/Floriculture & Land Scaping/Spices, Plantation, Medicinal and Aromatics plants/Post harvest Technology / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA / EWS) Broad area of specialization: Medicinal Plants, Spices & Plantation crops, Horticulture Fruit Science, Post-harvest technology, Vegetable Science	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned
International Relations	Ph.D	2 seats SC-1 ST-1	Post Graduate degree in Social Sciences and Humanities / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate.(50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad area of specialization: Any area of International Relations.	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned
Law	Ph.D.	10 seats UR-5 OBC-3 SC-1 EWS-1	Master's in Law / equivalent examinations from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad area of specialization: Criminal Law, , Human Rights, Family Law, Business Laws & related areas, Cyber Laws, E-Commerce Law, Women Laws, Labour Law, Environmental Law	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned
Lepcha	Ph.D	On hold	On hold	On hold
Limbu	Ph.D	On hold	On hold	On hold
Management	Ph.D.	5 seats UR-1 OBC-2 SC-1 ST-1	M.Com. / MBA /MFC / MPM&IR. CA /CS/CMA with 3 yrs Bachelor degree / PGDM-2 yrs. full time programme approved by AICTE & declared equivalent to MBA by AIU / equivalent examination from foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55 % marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50 % marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/ EWS) Broad area of specialization: Banking, Finance, HRM, General Management, Marketing , Strategic Management.	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned.

Mass Communication	Ph.D	2 seats UR-1 EWS-1-	MA in Mass Communication with 55% marks for General and 50% for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS Broad Specialization: News Media Studies, Television Studies, Corporate Communication	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned.
Mathematics	Ph.D	1 seat UR-1	M.Sc in Mathematics / Statistics / equivalent examination from foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad area of specialization: Mathematics, Applied Mathematics	Written entrance test followed by interview conducted by the Department concerned
Microbiology	Ph.D.	7 seats UR-3 OBC-2 SC-1 ST-1	M.Sc in Microbiology / Bio-Technology / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50% marks for SC /ST/ OBC /DA/EWS) Broad area of specialization: Food Microbiology, Bioinformatics, Environmental Microbiology, Industrial Microbiology	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned
Music	Ph.D	5 seats UR-1 OBC-2 SC-1 EWS-1	MPA/MA in Music/M.Music / equivalent examination from foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad Area of specialization: Tabla, Musicology, Ethnomusicology, Vocal, Folk Music, Instrumental, Interdisciplinary Research	Written entrance test followed by interview conducted by the Department concerned.
Nepali	Ph.D.	4 seats UR-2 OBC-1 SC-1	MA in Nepali / equivalent examination from foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad area of specialization: Literary Theory & Criticism, Children's Literature, Gender Studies, Linguistics, Folkloristic, Sociolinguistics.	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned

Peace and Conflict Studies and Management	Ph.D.	4 seats UR-2 OBC-1 EWS-1	Masters Degree in any discipline / equivalent examinations from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50% marks for SC /ST/ OBC/ DA/ EWS) Broad area of specialization: Border Management & Development Strategies, Conflict and Development Issues in NE India, Self-help Group, Non-traditional threat & Peace Building, Social Conflict and Social Justice.	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department
Physics	Ph.D.	5 seats UR-2 OBC-1 SC-1 ST-1	M.Sc in Physics / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad area of specialization: Experimental-soft condensed matter, Plasma Physics, Atomic, Molecular Physics.	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned
Political Science	No vacancy	No vacancy	No Vacancy.	No vacancy
Psychology	Ph.D.	2 seats UR-1 OBC-1	MA/MSc in Psychology / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC / DA/ EWS) Broad area of specialization: Social Psychology	Written Entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department concerned
Sociology	Ph.D	1 seats SC-1	MA/MSc in Sociology / equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad Area of specialization Society & Environment, Social Inequality, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Religion.	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department
Tourism	Ph.D	2 seats OBC-1 EWS-1	MA Tourism / MTTM with 55% marks for General (50% marks for SC /ST/ OBC /DA/ EWS) Broad area of specialization: Heritage Tourism	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department
Zoology	Ph.D	3 seats UR-3	M.Sc in Zoology and allied subjects such as Ecology, Environmental Science, Wildlife Biology, Biotechnology, Immunology, Parasitology etc./ equivalent examination from a foreign institution accredited by an approved agency of home country with 55% marks / equivalent grade in aggregate. (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS) Broad area of specialization: Conservation Biology, Ecology, Conservation Genetics, Entomology, Immunology, Parasitology, Molecular Biology	Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department

12. Fee Structure

Sikkim University collects moderate fee from its students as per OC-3 of the Sikkim University Ordinance. Students admitted to various programmes of study offered by the university for the Academic year 2023-24 shall pay the fees specified in tables A, B and C below with a yearly non-cumulative increase of 2 per cent.

A. Fee to be paid at the time of admission

After the necessary verification of documents by the Working Committee on admission, students must pay the following fees to confirm their admission to various programmes offered by the University. The fees listed below include tuition fees for the first semester only, and the tuition fees for the subsequent semesters shall fall due on the commencement of each semester.

Department	Programme	Admission	Marksheet	Certificate	Examination	Library	Medical Insurance/care	Student Association	Identity Card	Alumni Fee	Registration*	Tuition fee for 1 st Sem.	Total
Anthropology	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Bhutia	On hold	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Botany	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Chemistry	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Chinese	No vacancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commerce	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Computer App.	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Economics	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Education	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
English	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	1200	14860
Geography	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Geology	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Hindi	No vacancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
History	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	1200	14860
Horticulture	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
IR	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	1200	14860
Law	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	1200	14860
Lepcha	On hold	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Library Sc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Limbu	On hold	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Mass Comm.	Ph.D	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Mathematics	Ph.D	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Microbiology	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Music	Ph.D	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Nepali	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	1200	14860
PCS&M	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	1200	14860
Physics	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Political Sc.	No vacancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Psychology	Ph.D	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Sociology	Ph.D	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	1200	14860
Tourism	Ph.D	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260
Zoology	Ph.D.	1800	240	360	9600	600	360	240	120	100	240	3600	17260

*Registration fee need not to pay by already registered students of Sikkim University.

B. Fees to be paid at the commencement of every semester

The tuition fee for the first semester is paid along with the other once-time fees payable at the time of admission. Tuition fees for the second semester onward must be paid within 15 days of the commencement of the ODD / EVEN Semester.

Sl. No	Department	Programme	Tuition Fee (Rs.)
1	Anthropology	Ph.D.	3600
2	Bhutia	On hold	On hold
3	Botany	Ph.D.	3600
4	Chemistry	Ph.D	3600
5	Chinese	-	-
6	Commerce	Ph.D	3600
7	Computer Applications	Ph.D	3600
8	Economics	Ph.D.	3600
9	Education	Ph.D	3600
10	English	Ph.D.	1200
11	Geography	Ph.D	3600
12	Geology	Ph.D	3600
13	Hindi	No vacancy	No vacancy
14	History	Ph.D.	1200
15	Horticulture	Ph.D.	3600

16	International Relations	Ph.D.	1200
17	Law	Ph.D.	1200
18	Lepcha	On hold	On hold
19	Library & Information Science	-	-
19	Limbu	On hold	On hold
20	Management	Ph.D.	3600
21	Mass Communication	Ph.D.	3600
22	Mathematics	Ph.D.	3600
23	Microbiology	Ph.D.	3600
24	Music	Ph.D.	3600
25	Nepali	Ph.D.	1200
26	PCS&M	Ph.D.	1200
27	Physics	Ph.D.	3600
28	Political Science	No vacancy	No vacancy
29	Psychology	Ph.D.	3600
30	Sociology	Ph.D.	1200
31	Tourism	Ph.D.	3600
32	Zoology	Ph.D.	3600

Note: Students shall deposit tuition fee within 15 days from the date of commencement of every Semester. A late fee of Rs. 25 per day shall be paid after 16th day onwards.

C. Fees for Hostel Accommodation

University collects the following fees / deposits with regard to hostel admission.

Sl. No.	Particular	Payable at	1 or 2 bedded (Rs.)	3 bedded (Rs.)	4 or more bedded (Rs.)
1	Hostel Admission	One-time during hostel admission	600	600	600
2	Seat Rent	Commencement of every semester (1 st Sem. fee shall be paid at the time of hostel admission)	1090	725	547
3	Hostel Caution Deposits (Refundable)	One time at the time of hostel admission. Refundable at the exit from the hostel.	3000	3000	3000
Total Fee to be paid			4690	4325	4147

Note:

1. The students will pay the mess fees at rates agreed between the University & and caterer. Wherever the boarders are running the mess, the hostel mess committee of the respective hostel shall decide the mess fee to be collected.
2. All the fees shall be collected by the University through online mode only. Tuition fees for the second semester onward shall fall due with the commencement of the semester, and the payment can be made without the late fee within 15 days from the commencement date of the semester. Payment of fees beyond the specified period shall attract a late fee of Res. 25 per day.

3. *Permission to appear in an examination shall be subject to clearance of all fees.*
4. *Tuition fee shall be relaxed by 50% for SU employees, wards of SU employees and Yangang villagers. The same shall be relaxed by 100% for the Differently Abled students, the people of Yangang who sold their lands to the State Government for the University campus, and those belonging to the "Primitive Tribe" of Sikkim.*
5. *If, after having paid the fees, a candidate desires to withdraw his candidature, a refund of fees and deposits shall be made as per the instruction of the UGC issued from time to time.*

13. Examination and Evaluation

Evaluation and assessment methods deployed at any institutions of higher learning are of vital importance in estimating the overall progress of its students. Since its inception, Sikkim University is one of the pioneer institutions of higher learning in the region to have introduced the semester system besides adopting several other new measures to enable fast, accurate and quick processing of the evaluation related works. As of now, it has in place a continuous and comprehensive evaluation mechanism wherein its students are required to go through 2 sessional tests for Ph.D Course Work and an end semester examination as mandatory components of the evaluation exercise. The university has introduced the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) from 2012. Accordingly, students admitted to the privileges of this university are required to go through the following evaluation pattern.

Subject/Paper wise Evaluation Pattern

Semester wise Evaluation Process. Each Semester paper has 4credits	Weightage
First Sessional Test (for Course work)	25 %; 1 credit
Second Sessional Test/ Practical Tests wherever applicable (for Course work)	25 %; 1 credit
Third Sessional Test (for Course work)	25 %; 1 credit
End Semester Examination (for course work)	50 %; 2 credit
Attendance 75% minimum	Mandatory
Total	100 % ; 4 credits

Note: First Sessional Test will be a Theory Test. Second Sessional Test may either be a theory or a practical test. University departments will have three Sessional Tests out of which the best two are counted for computation of SGPA.

13.1 Award to Meritorious Students

Sikkim University has a policy of awarding all toppers in UG and PG examinations in different subjects of studies with Gold Medals and Silver Medals to the first rank holders and second rank holders in each subject respectively. Prof. Sameera Maiti Gold Medal for topper in Social Sciences has been initiated from 2017. These prestigious awards are presented to the awardees during the Convocation ceremony of the University.

13.2 Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)

The University follows Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). The CBCS is considered to be an important part of reform process initiated by UGC in order to enhance quality of higher education. The system allows a paradigm shift from teaching-oriented to learner-centric education. The CBCS fulfills the following objectives:

- a. To promote learner centeredness in higher education institutions.
- b. To encourage inter-disciplinary learning without sacrificing the domain knowledge.
- c. To allow greater autonomy to the teachers with higher responsibility.
- d. To promote mobility of students across institutions.
- e. To continuously evaluate students and help in optimization of learning.
- f. To introduce transparency in the evaluation system.
- g. To promote teacher-student relations and engagement.
- h. To improve employability among students.

13.3 Credit and Grading

Credit is a value or weightage given to a number of classes taught or marks assigned to a particular paper / course / programme. In order to complete a Master's programme a student must ordinarily earn 64 credits. One credit in Sikkim University is equivalent to 15 classes or 25 marks. The marks obtained by a student in a paper or semester examination are converted into numerical grade point and alphabetical grade in a 10 point scale as per details given here under:

Marks in %	Grade Point Scale	Grade	Grade Point
90 and above	9.0 and above	O	10
80-89.99	8.0-8.9	A+	9
70-79.99	7.0-7.9	A	8
60-69.99	6.0-6.9	A-	7
50-59.99	5.0-5.9	B+	6
40-49.00	4.0-4.9	B	5
30-39.99	3.0-3.9	B-	4
20-29.99	2.0-2.9	C+	3
10-19.99	1.0-1.9	C	2
0-9.99	0.0-0.9	C-	1

14. Teesta-Indus Central Library

The Central Library, the heart of the University, is dedicated to provide materials to supplement teaching and learning. The Central Library is having a floor area of about 1000 sq. ft and capable of accommodating about 70,000/ books. University right from its inception has a priority to build up a good university library equipped with the adequate resources and services which takes care of any academic and research work. The central library has met the vision of the university and presently provide all the resources and services which are essential for any teaching, learning and research process. Currently the library has two divisions, the Teesta-Indus Central Library and Science Library.

Library Automation and Infrastructure

The library is fully automated, modernized with latest IT Infrastructure such as Integrated Library Automation System (KOHA), Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) for material management and movement, Institutional Repository for management of inhouse publication, theses and dissertations, Faculty Publication Profile (IRINS) for showcasing the research strength, Remote Access for accessing resources off campus, and Plagiarism Detection System. Library is comparable to any other old university library of the country so far as modernization and infrastructure facilities are concerned. The library is quite active in extending research support services through adopting web based services and system and interactive library website (<https://library.cus.ac.in>).

Library Collection and Resources

The library is housed with a physical collection of over 50,000 books in all major subject areas of the university. The collection includes both print and electronic resources.

Collection Types	Volumes
Print Books	49896
Print Journals	26
Electronic Books	9878
Electronic Journals	7390
Electronic Databases	13
Thesis and Dissertations	444

Electronic Resources

Central Library is subscribing the electronic resources both through consortia as well as individual subscriptions. The library is member of following Consortia for the subscription of the Electronic Journals:

- **e-ShodhSindhu Consortium** – e-ShodhSindhu Consortia is management of INFLIBNET Centre Ahmedabad (an IUC of Ministry of Education, Govt of India). Central Library subscribed to over 5003 electronic journals from the publishers such as *American Chemical Society, American Institute of Physics, Annual Reviews, Economic and Political Review Weekly, JSTOR, and Springer Nature*. The library has also access to digital books from *World e-Book Library, and South Asia Archive*.
- **DelCON e-Library Consortium** –DelCON is a consortium initiated by Department of Biotechnology, Government of India to manage electronic subscription of biotechnology related resources. Central Library is member of DBT – DelCON e-Library Consortium for the subscription to biotechnology & biosciences related electronic Journals and have access to over 1000 e-journals from publishers such as *American Association for Cancer Research (AACR); American Association of Immunologists (AAI); American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMS); American Society for Microbiology (ASM); Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press Journals (CSHL); Elsevier Science (ScienceDirect); Microbiology Society (MBS); Nature Publications (NPG); Oxford University Press (OUP); Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS); Springer Nature (Springer); Taylor & Francis (T&F); Wiley-Blackwell (Wiley)*.
- **Direct Subscription:** Over 1200 e-journals are subscribed by the library from all major publishers of India and globally such as *APS Physics; Emerald Insight; John Benjamins - Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area; American Psychological Association (APA) – PsycARTICLES; Royal Society of Chemistry*.
- **Electronic Databases & Indexes Subscription** – The library has access to following multidisciplinary and subject specific databases
 - ❖ Web of Science – Bibliographic & Citation Database
 - ❖ Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) Databases
 - ❖ J-Gate (JCCC)
 - ❖ SciFinder Scholar
 - ❖ CMIE Economic Outlook
 - ❖ CMIE Prowess dx
 - ❖ China Knowledge Resource Integrated Database (CNKI)
 - ❖ DELNET (Provides e-journals and Inter Library Loan of Books)
 - ❖ EBSCO (Education, Tourism & Management Collection)
 - ❖ IndiaSTAT Statistical Database
 - ❖ Manupatra – Legal Database
 - ❖ MathSciNet
 - ❖ Sage Business Cases

Library Services: To facilitate the easy access to books, journals, and other resources, the library has comprehensive service plan, which includes research support services, subject

support services, remote access facility, comprehensive library website (<http://library.cus.ac.in>), User Friendly Mobile Application – [Central Library App](#). These facilities and services ensure the easy access to the entire library collection and services in user friendly manner.

15. Hostels

Sikkim University has ten hostels – five each for girls and boys. The hostels are located in hired premises, and the infrastructure is modest. Further expansion of hostel facilities is not possible due to difficulty in finding appropriate space and availability of wardens. Demand for seats in these hostels is very high. While the University makes utmost efforts to accommodate as many applicants as possible but it cannot ensure 100% accommodation in its hostels. Admission to hostels will be provided for one semester subject to renewal on compliance of hostel rules and regulations of the University. Application for admission to hostel accommodation can be made online at the time of filling of online admission form. Hostel accommodation is based on merit, availability of seats, departments and the reservation policy of the Govt. of India. No applicant from areas in and around Gangtok is eligible for hostel accommodation.

16. Transport Facility

The University provides free uninterrupted bus service to its students. These buses are plied between its starting point and end point at fixed intervals as notified by the bus coordinators at the beginning of every semester and the same is displayed in all the departmental notice boards. Various pick-up points are identified between the starting point and end point from where one can board the buses.

17. Gymnasium

The University gym with state-of-the-art equipment is open for 6 days a week for its students and staff. Different shifts have been maintained for male and female users. Trained male and female instructors monitor and provide continuous supervision to the users. Interested candidate can join the university gym by filling up a membership form available at the gym hall and also uploaded on the University website. Beside membership form, one has to submit a fitness declaration certificate from the University Medical Officer. A nominal amount, as provided below, is charged from the students and staff in order to provide and maintain the best gym facility.

Sl.	Student/Staff	Monthlyfee
1	Student	Rs.150
2	Staff	Rs.300

18. Health Centre

The Health Centre is manned by two doctors, staff nurse, 2 paramedics and 2 clerical staff. The University Health Centre provides following facilities to students, teachers, employees of the University and dependent of employees.

Outpatient Clinic: Employees including their dependents, and students can avail Outpatient facility on weekdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Minor procedures are also done. Counselling by senior doctors is also provided as and when required.

Dispensary: The Health Center has essential drugs and surgical items (both oral and injectable) in store. Drugs are dispensed by the Pharmacist as per the prescription of the Senior Medical Officer / Chief Medical Officer.

Emergency facilities: The students are given emergency services via consultation at the Health Centre and telephonic consultation 24x7. Employees and their dependents are given similar facility at the health Centre. Ambulance facility can be availed 24x7.

Inpatient facilities: Employees, including their dependents, and students are provided with inpatient facilities in the clinic itself.

Referral service: The University has an agreement with the Central Referral Hospital, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences, Gangtok under which patients referred to by the University Health Centre receive cashless treatment.

19. Merit – cum – Means Scholarship

Sikkim University offers Merit-cum-Means scholarships for the students enrolled in the departments in various programmes. Students with an average family income of less than Rs. 60,000 per annum and receiving no other scholarship / financial assistance from any other sources are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Students may submit application in prescribed form along with parent's income certificate to the office of the Dean of Students' Welfare (DSW). The applications are scrutinized and shortlisted as per norms by a duly constituted Award Committee headed by the DSW and the same is submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for approval. Foreign students are not eligible for this scheme.

Following Scholarships / Fellowships are available under this scheme:

- Fellowship** : Rs. 3000/- per month.
- Freeship** : Full tuition fee and laboratory fee waiver.
- Half Freeship:** 50 % tuition fee and laboratory fee waiver.

20. Placement-cum-Coaching Cell

The Placement cum Coaching Cell of the University was established with the aim of providing employment opportunity to the students of Sikkim University. The Cell organizes recruitment drive in collaboration with the companies like Zydus Health Care Ltd, German Laboratories, CIPLA Pharmaceuticals, Torrent Pharmaceuticals, Thomson Digital (India Today Group), Glenmark Pharma, STPI Gangtok, SUN pharmaceuticals, Teach For India (TFI). Besides, our students got placement in ICICI Bank, Oracle India, Global Data Mining, EOL Computing Centre, Wuhan University of Technology, Amity University, Amazon, Eduvirtuso etc. The Cell is also pursu placement drive along with SMIT, Majhitar for WNS at Pune (Multinational Company).

21. Scholarship / Fellowship for SC/ST/OBC/PWD/NER/Minority

Students admitted to Sikkim University and belonging to the above category may avail UGC Scholarship / Fellowship of various types. Students seeking to apply for scholarship / fellowship may submit application online through UGC portal or National Scholarship Portal or different Ministry's portal. Names of some of the fellowships/ scholarship are as follows:

- i) National Fellowship for SC students (NFSC)
- ii) National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST students (NFST)
- iii) National Fellowship for OBC Students (NFOBC)
- iv) National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (NFPD)
- v) Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students (MANF)
- vi) Post Graduate Merit Scholarship for University Rank Holder
- vii) Post Graduate scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST candidates
- viii) "Ishan Uday"for students of North East Region (NER)
- ix) Scholarship for minority community through National Scholarship Portal
- x) Post matric scholarship of Sikkim State
- xi) UGC NET-JRF/SRF

(NB: Candidates selected for above scholarship / fellowship shall contact Academic Section for linking or verification of application & uploading of relevant documents with UGC or NS portal respectively.)

University also provides Non-NET Fellowship for a full time Ph.D students who are not NET qualified and are not receiving fellowship grant under any other schemes as per UGC norms.

22. Centre for Coaching SC/ST/OBC/Minority Students

The Centre organizes coaching of about three months duration twice in a year keeping in mind the timing of CBSE-UGC-NET / SLET examinations which are normally held in the month of June and December. Classes are held during working days, vacations and holidays depending on the convenience of the trainees as well as the teachers. Girl students, non SC/ST and non-minority students are also welcome to make use of this facility subject to availability of seats. The method of coaching takes place in the form of class work, tutorials, assignments, face to face interactions, group discussion. Audio-video aids are also used wherever required. Coaching is absolutely free. The notice about coaching will be published in various newspapers and also uploaded on University website, and displayed on Departmental notice boards through the office of the Dean of Students' Welfare (DSW) and Sikkim University Students' Union (SUSA).

23. Field Visits / Internships

Field Visits:

In addition to classroom tutelage, students of Sikkim University are encouraged to visit places of academic importance in order to gain first-hand knowledge and experience on the subjects taught. The syllabi of many of these programmes are designed to make such visits mandatory. Financial assistance is given to students for carrying out field visits and study tours as per the norms of the University.

Internships:

Students pursuing certain programmes are required to undergo compulsory internship in various organizations/industries to familiarize themselves with the actual working environments. Normally, one internship is a must during one academic year, to be generally performed during the vacation. The financial assistance is given as per the rules of the internship. The internship programmes are designed to encourage students to identify their potential fields of specialization, thus helping them to work out for future placements.

24. Counseling Cell (Samadhan)

Students constitute the most important section of any university. Student life is always cherished as the most exciting part of one's life. But not many realize that student life is full of pressure for performance and can be very stressful if not handled carefully. Samadhan is created to help the students solve their problems and live a healthy life. It also offers Counseling and Psychotherapy

for the benefit of students, teachers and university staff. The office of Samadhan is located next to the Cauvery Girls' Hostel and looked after by dedicated teachers. The service is provided from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on all working days.

25. National Service Scheme (NSS)

University NSS Cell is registered with the Regional Centre located in the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Sikkim. The Programme Coordinator of the Cell is appointed by the Vice-Chancellor for a period of three years. Presently Dr. Nidhi Saxena, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Law is the Co-ordinator and Dr. Dewchandra Subba, Assistant Professor, Department of Nepali and Dr. Pradip Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Management are programme officers. The Cell has a formally constituted Advisory Committee headed by the Vice-Chancellor as its Chief Patron. The Cell has over 300 student volunteers at present. The NSS organizes regular activities and programmes throughout the year in the form of orientation/personality development workshops, blood donation camps, plantation programmes, cleaning drives, health awareness campaigns etc.

Students can apply for NSS membership in a prescribed form available on the university website and submit to NSS Cell in the beginning of Even or Odd semester. The NSS volunteers are not required to wear uniform but wearing of NSS badge and cap during NSS programmes is mandatory. The Cell provides certificates to the participating students on completion of a minimum of 240 hours of regular activities and a special camp during a period of two years. The certificate has significant value in extra-curricular activities in the academic career of students.

26. Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)

Sikkim University is committed to providing a congenial environment for work and study, free of sexual harassment, intimidation, discrimination or exploitation of any kind. It is expected of every student and employee of the University to treat others with courtesy and respect. It ensures maintenance of a congenial atmosphere in the campus. In pursuance of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 an eleven member Committee called "Internal Complaints Committee" has been constituted in May 2015 to act as Inquiry Authority on a complaint of sexual harassment. Any aggrieved woman may file a complaint of sexual harassment to the ICC.

27. Anti-ragging Policies

Higher education institutions in Sikkim are generally free from the menace of ragging. Sikkim University and affiliated institutions have over a period developed a ragging-free environment in the campuses. The University gives utmost attention to maintain and strengthen this anti-ragging culture by keeping zero tolerance for ragging. University also creates awareness among the students on ragging and issues related with it through various means. Anyone found involved in any form of ragging as defined by Supreme Court and the Guidelines of Sikkim University or in any case of indiscipline shall be dealt with very seriously and severely.

28. Students' Association

Sikkim University has elected students' body called Sikkim University Students' Association (SUSA). It was first constituted on 3rd October, 2016 following the election held on 23rd September 2016. The election of SUSA is held every year. The official website of SUSA is www.sikkimuniversitystudentsassociation.in. The Vice-Chancellor is the Patron of the Association. SUSA is formed with an idea to foster bonds of harmony and peace among students' community and addresses issues pertaining to students. It also organizes various academic and co-curricular activities round the year.

29. Disciplinary Committee

During the period of study in the University, the students are required to maintain strict discipline in the classrooms, labs, library, hostels etc. The disciplinary committee looks into the case of breach of discipline by students. The University in such cases may take punitive action as it may deem fit.

30. Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC)

Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC) of the University addresses problems and concerns of students belonging to disadvantaged groups of the society including scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes, women, minorities, and differently-abled (DA) people. It ensures effective implementation of policies and programmes designed by the MHRD and UGC for the welfare of the students mentioned above who are pursuing higher studies. The Cell maintains and updates records of all the activities related to equal opportunity of the students and staff members belonging to various under-privileged groups. The Cell also extends necessary guidance to the University on reservation norms, affirmative action etc. from time to time.

31. Grievance Redressal Cell

The University has a vibrant Grievance Redressal Cell constituted in 2016. Prof. Nawal K. Paswan is the Chairman of the Cell. The Cell functions as an independent unit reporting to the Vice-Chancellor.

32. Right to Information (RTI) Cell

An RTI Cell is fully functional in the University with the Registrar as its Appellate Authority. One CPIO and an Assistant are attached to the Cell for timely clearance of applications.

33. Certificate Course in Human Rights and Duties

A Certificate Course of Six Months duration on Human Rights and Duties is available in the Department of Political Science. Graduate students with 50 % marks (45% for SC/ST/OBC/PWD) and pursuing Masters Degree in Sikkim University are eligible to apply for the course. Classes for the course will be held in the Even Semester starting from February to May. Selection will be based on merit. Interested candidates may contact the Head, Department of Political Science for further details.

34. ICSI-SU Study Centre

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is constituted under the Company Secretaries Act, 1980 (Act no. 56 of 1980). ICSI is the only recognized professional body in India to develop and regulate the profession of Company Secretaries in India.

Sikkim University in collaboration with the ICSI has established a Study Centre in the University for conducting oral tuition for CS Executive Programme. **A minimum of 25 students are required for activation of the programme.**

Any Graduate (except Fine Arts) who has registered his/her name in ICSI can join ICSI-SU Study Centre. Admission fee for joining ICSI-SU Study Centre is Rs. 28,000/- (Twenty eight thousand only). Under the new guidelines of ICSI, at least 35 lectures for each subject of Executive Programme is mandatory.

Procedure for admission to ICSI-SU Study Centre

Step-1

For registration, please visit www.icsi.edu, click on “online services”. Students can apply for registration refer fee structure) through online services of institute at the link given below:-

<https://smash.icsi.in/Scripts/Registration/Instructions.aspx?ID=R1>

Step-2

After registration in ICSI, students can apply to Sikkim University for joining ICSI-SU Study centre. The Study Centre is located in Room No. 206, Department of Law, Sikkim University.

For details, contact Dr. Praveen Mishra, Co-ordinator (ICSI-SU Study Centre) mobile No. 9862927216, mail Id: pmishra@cus.ac.in or Dr. S.S. Mahapatra, Regional Director (ICSI-SU Study Centre) Mobile No. 9434864303 mail Id: ssmahapatra@cus.ac.in.

35. Academic Calendar

Sl.No.	AcademicActivities	Even Semester (II, IV, VI, VIII, X etc.)	Odd Semester (I, III, V, VII, IX etc.)
1	Commencement of semester	27 th March	7 th August
2	First Sessional Test	Last week of April	3 rd Week of September
3	Second Sessional Test	Last week of May	3 rd Week of October
4	Third Sessional Test / Practical*	Last week of June	3 rd Week of November
5	End of Classes	8 th July	28 th November
6	Filling of Examination Form**	1 st July	15 th November
7	End Semester Examination begins	10 th -23 rd July	1 st to 16 th December
8	Central Evaluation begins	18 th July	10 th December
9	Winter Vacation / Summer Vacation	24 th July to 6 th August	17 th Dec. to 31 st Jan
10	Publication of Results	3 rd week of August	Last week of December

*Not applicable for colleges ** Not Applicable for University.

Note: If the first day and examinations is a holiday, classes will start on the next working day.



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